



**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
Minutes  
Thursday, June 7, 2018**

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
DuPage County Conference Room  
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

**Members Present:** Keary Cragan – U.S. EPA, Martha Dooley – Village of Schaumburg, Jackie Forbes – Kane County Division of Transportation, David Leopold – CityTech, Stacy Meyers – Openlands, Joe Schuessler – MWRD, Deb Stone – Cook County Department of Environmental Control, Mike Sullivan – IDOT, Mike Warner – Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, Sean Wiedel – Chicago Department of Transportation

**Members Absent:** Lynn Boerman – IDNR, Ed Collins – McHenry County Conservation District, Jack Darin – Illinois Sierra Club, Danielle Gallet – Metropolitan Planning Council, Kim Wasserman-Nieto – Little Village Environmental Justice Organization, Moira Zellner – University of Illinois-Chicago

**Staff Present:** Nora Beck, Blake Brown-Grigsby, Mandy Burrell, Emily Daucher, Kristin Ihnchak, Tony Manno, Jason Navota, Jared Patton, Katie Piotrowska, Drew Williams-Clark, Hope Walsh

**Others Present:** Brian Hacker – RTA, Benet Haller – CCDoTH, Jon Czerwinski – CTA, Emily Golla (via phone) – ICF, Edith Makra – MMC, Rich Walter (via phone) – ICF, Maggie O’Keefe

**1.0 Call to Order**

Sean Wiedel called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

**2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

- **ON TO 2050 Open Houses:** CMAP invites residents to [ten public open houses and one public hearing](#) to discuss the draft ON TO 2050 plan with CMAP staff.
- **LTA Call for Projects:** The 2018 LTA and Community Planning Call for Projects is being postponed this year from the Spring to the Fall to coincide with CMAP’s adoption of ON TO 2050. The call will open September 6 and close October 26.

Selected proposals will be forwarded to the CMAP Board for approval in early spring and projects are anticipated to start in July 2019.

### 3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 3 meeting was made by Martha Dooley, seconded by Stacy Meyers. The motion carried with all in favor.

### 4.0 ON TO 2050 launch event – Mandy Burrell, CMAP

Mandy provided an update on the ON TO 2050 launch event, which will take place Wednesday, October 10, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, in Millennium Park. She encouraged committee members to register for the event and asked for their help in getting out the word through their organizations. CMAP has a [partner toolkit](#) available to make sharing the information easier.

### 5.0 CTA and Pace Bus Route Flooding Resiliency Study – Brian Hacker, RTA and Jonathan Czerwinski, CTA

The RTA has recently completed a bus route flooding resilience plan for the RTA region, in cooperation with CTA and Pace, with the objective of identifying bus routes prone to flooding, quantifying the impacts of flooding on these routes and developing recommendations to reroute service during flooding and mitigate the effects of flooding on bus operations. Brian Hacker from the RTA and Jonathan Czerwinski from the CTA provided an overview of the report, [Flooding Resilience Plan for Bus Operations](#). Committee members asked a number of clarifying questions and had the following comments:

- **Build connections with other efforts to implement infrastructure improvements.** Committee members made a number of suggestions for helping to connect the CTA and Pace needs to existing efforts focused on stormwater management improvements, including:
  - FEMA’s All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan
  - City of Chicago’s Green Infrastructure Plan
  - MWRD and EPAs Water quality standard for chlorides
- **Support for these efforts.** A committee member commended the RTA, CTA, and Pace for taking on such a study, recognizing that this is true resiliency project that evaluates and supports the integrated management of two very important systems in the region – transit and stormwater.
- **Communication and behavioral changes.** A committee member noted that SmartCities technology can also be used to help riders understand flooding impacts and change their own behavior, in addition to informing transit agencies of re-routing needs. Committee members discussed the value of informing riders of the changes.

### 6.0 Implementation priorities of the ON TO 2050 Plan – Andrew Williams-Clark, CMAP

Andrew provided an overview of recently initiated activities to implement draft ON TO 2050 recommendations. Committee members asked a number of clarifying questions and had the following comments:

- Initial focus of truck routing studies. Three general areas have been discussed, including the southwest side of Chicago, Will County, and SSMMA. Committee members encouraged coordination of various efforts in Will County.
- Encouraged the use of performance criteria in IDOT design manual revisions.

#### **7.0 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory Report – Jared Patton, and Kristin Ihnchak, CMAP and Emily Golla and Rich Walter, ICF**

Jared provided an overview of the draft Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory, as finalized in [this report](#). Committee members asked a number of clarifying questions and had the following comments:

- **Connection with air quality standards and conformity.** While the inventory is focused on greenhouse gas emissions, the report could build a connection to air quality concerns given that reducing greenhouse gases could also help achieve those goals.
- **Reaching the climate stabilization goal.** Committee members asked if CMAP had evaluated what the region would need to do to achieve that goal. That assessment was not part of the inventory and is more like a Regional Climate Action plan, which is an effort under consideration.

#### **8.0 Other Business.**

None.

#### **9.0 Public Comment**

None.

#### **10.0 Next Meeting**

The next ENR Committee is scheduled for July 12, 2018 at 9:30 am in the Lake County conference room.

#### **11.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nora Beck (ENR Committee Liaison)  
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